

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jason Priest, on March 25, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jason Priest, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Rowlie Hutton (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch  
Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 20, 3/22/2011

Executive Action: SJ 20; HB 410; HB 409; SJ 18

**HEARING ON SJ 20**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:33 Sen. Art Wittich (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SJ 20, Study resolution on implementation of privatization of Medicaid administration.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:29 Bill Warden, St. Peter's Hospital and Benefis Health Systems

00:03:50 Mark Taylor, Montana Hospital Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:04:19 Hank Hudson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:05:25 Sen. Gillan  
00:06:02 Sen. Wittich  
00:08:01 Sen. Gillan  
00:08:40 Sen. Wittich  
00:09:26 Chairman Priest  
00:10:12 Mr. Hudson, DPHHS  
00:12:57 Chairman Priest  
00:13:01 Mr. Hudson  
00:13:06 Sen. Lewis  
00:13:16 Chairman Priest  
00:13:27 Mr. Hudson  
00:14:01 Chairman Priest  
00:15:02 Mr. Warden

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:16:54 Sen. Wittich

Sen. Caferro not present

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 20**

00:18:13 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lewis moved that **SJ 20 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 410**

00:18:49     **Motion:** Sen. Lewis moved that **HB 410 BE TABLED**.

**Discussion:**

00:19:19     Sen. Gillan

00:19:35     Sen. Lewis **WITHDREW HIS MOTION**.

00:19:48     **Motion:** Sen. Gillan moved that **HB 410 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

00:19:56     Sen. Gillan

00:21:17     Chairman Priest

00:21:34     Sen. Gillan

00:22:20     **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lewis moved a substitute motion that **HB 410 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gillan and Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Essmann, Sen. Hutton and Sen. Murphy voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 409**

00:23:29     **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lewis moved that **HB 409 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gillan and Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Essmann, Sen. Hutton and Sen. Murphy voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 18**

00:24:35     **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gillan moved that **SJ 18 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:01 PM

---

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

pg

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([phs67aad.pdf](#))